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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 5259**

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF DEBIT CARDS FOR GASOLINE PURCHASES AND NOTIFICATION TO HANDICAPPED DRIVERS OF SELF-SERVICE PUMP REFUELING SERVICES.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill codifies current Department of Consumer Protection regulations requiring:

1. gasoline dealers offering a cash discount for gas purchases to display a sign on each pump or other dispensing device showing whether a debit card payment is processed at the credit or cash price and
2. all gasoline dealers to post a sign on or near each self-serve pump, in a location and manner clearly visible to handicapped drivers, with instructions on how to contact or notify the dealer or cashier for refueling assistance.

By law, gasoline dealers must provide, upon request, refueling assistance to handicapped drivers with a special international symbol of access license plate at the self-service price for the fuel. These requirements do not apply to retail dealers (stations) that (1) use remotely controlled pumps or (2) have a single cashier.

Under the bill, violators of the (1) debit card notice provision are subject to a fine of \$50 to \$250 and (2) handicap notice provision may have their licenses suspended or revoked and are subject to a fine of up to \$100 for a first offense and, for subsequent offenses, up to a \$500 fine, up to six months imprisonment, or both (CGS § 14-331).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2014

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 14 Nay 3 (03/13/2014)